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**FINAL DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN 19 DEFENDANT
STOCKTON FEDERAL DRUG CASE**

--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that ALFREDO JOSE CHAVEZ (26) of Stockton California was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison by United States District Judge Frank C. Damrell, Jr. The defendant pled guilty on May 18, 2004 to two counts of distribution of methamphetamine.

CHAVEZ was one of 19 defendants charged with federal drug charges arising out an undercover sting operation orchestrated by a joint law enforcement effort of the Stockton Police Department, the San Joaquin County METRO Narcotics Task Force, the DEA and the FBI. The 2000-2001 investigation (named "SSS-II") was a followup to an investigation that was taken down in August of 2000 (named "SSS-I"), which resulted in conviction of 17 persons alleged to be members or associates of the South Side Stocktone street gang. The attached sentencing chart outlines the names of the defendants, sentences received, and dates of sentencings concerning the SSS-II investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Richard Bender and Mary Grad , who prosecuted the cases, SSS-II targeted several large scale Stockton methamphetamine dealers and a number of their associates. Some of the defendants in this investigation also were members or associates of the South Side Stocktone street gang.

The 19 defendant SSS-II investigation was broken into eight separate cases to facilitate the court proceedings. The case against defendant ALFREDO CHAVEZ was delayed because he had entered guilty pleas earlier in the case, allowed to withdraw those pleas, was sent out of state for a competency examination, and ultimately pled guilty on the day the second scheduled trial was to start. CHAVEZ once again attempted to withdraw his guilty plea, but that request was denied by U.S. District Judge Frank C. Damrell, Jr., and CHAVEZ was sentenced today.

Defendant ALFREDO CHAVEZ is also facing charges alleged in a grand jury Indictment in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa. That case alleges that he engaged in a conspiracy in that District to distribute methamphetamine between mid-1996 and October of 2001. The Indictment is only an allegation and the defendant is presumed to be innocent of the charge until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. With criminal proceedings in Sacramento completed, CHAVEZ will be transferred to Iowa to answer to those charges.

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SSS-II Sentencing Chart

<u>Name and age</u>	<u>Sentence (prison time)</u>	<u>Sent. date</u>
Alfredo Chavez (26)	14 years, plus 4 year TSR ¹	Jan. 4, 2005
Fernando Martinez (31)	13 years, plus 5 years TSR	April 9, 2003
Jeff Michael Allen (33)	12 years, plus 5 years TSR	October 23, 2002
Hector Hernandez (33)	10 years, plus 5 years TSR	Nov. 27, 2002
Emilio Galvan (33)	8 years, plus 5 years TSR	March 26, 2003
Jason Monte Allen (29)	8 years - 1 month, plus 5 year TSR	October 23, 2002
Joel Guzman (33)	7 years - 10 months, plus 5 years TSR	Feb. 5, 2003
Sergio Rodriguez (30)	6 years - 9 months, plus 5 year TSR	August 1, 2002
Fernando Pineda (29)	5 years - 8 months, plus 5 year TSR	Nov. 27, 2002
Carlos Munoz (24)	5 years, plus 5 years TSR	March 19, 2003
George Tafoya (34)	5 years, plus 5 year TSR	Sept. 25, 2002
Enrique Sandoval (28)	5 years, plus 4 years TSR	April 3, 2002
Charles Spencer (24)	4 years, plus 1 year TSR	Sept. 18, 2002
Jose Ibarra Oller (36)	3 years - 3 months, plus 5 years TSR	June 18, 2003
Eugene Johnson (27)	3 years, plus 3 years TSR	Dec. 4, 2002
Oscar Dosty (35)	2 years - 6 months, plus 3 years TSR	June 19, 2002
Filiberto Herrera	died in-custody awaiting trial	
Jose Francisco Chavez (22)	acquitted after trial	
Gilberto Jaramillo (30)	charges dismissed	

¹ TSR is the Term of Supervised Release, which is a Probation-like period of supervision.